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**Memorandum**

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To: **Sunol Express Lane Joint Powers Authority**  
From: Frank R. Furger, Chief Deputy Director  
Subject: Update on Express Lane Activities

**Update on Regional Express Lanes Activities**

As noted in previous meetings, MTC/BATA is working to implement the Bay Area Express Lanes Network. There are a number of separate but related activities underway as a result of this effort:

Status of AB 744

Assembly Bill 744 (Torrico) will provide the statutory authority for BATA to build, own, operate and maintain a High Occupancy Toll Lane Network within the 9 Bay Area Counties. The legislation provides a 1-year period for BATA to reach agreement with the JPA for the transfer of the JPA responsibilities to BATA as well as the formation of a Management and Oversight Committee that will include a representative from the ACCMA.

The bill was amended on April 21, 2009 and passed the Assembly Committee on Transportation by a 12 to 1 vote on April 27, 2009. It has been referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The ACCMA Board took action April to support this bill in concept. The ACTIA Board is anticipated to take action on the bill in May.

Management and Oversight Committee

This ad hoc group of executives from BATA, Caltrans, ACCMA, VTA and the CHP meets monthly to provide guidance to the implementation of the I-680, I-580 and the SR237/I-880 Direct Connectors Express Lanes. The group is providing input on signing, striping, enforcement, toll operations, customer service, marketing, and agreements. Staff will continue to provide specific input from this group to the JPA as it develops.

#### CMA Directors Meeting on Express Lanes

This group has met monthly for about 9 months to discuss the governance of the Bay Area Express Lanes Network. This effort has provided input into the development of AB 744 and has provided feedback to BATA's banking team about how the financing should be structured to address concerns within each corridor.

#### **California HOV/Express Lanes Business Plan**

Caltrans recently released a revised copy of the Californian HOV/Express Lane Business plan. The purpose of the Plan is to provide a framework to guide the future development and operation of HOV and express lanes in a coordinated fashion throughout the state. Staff will provide a complete overview of the Plan at the June meeting. A copy of the Plan has been posted on the CMA website.

#### **Santa Clara County Express Lanes**

##### Rt 237/I-880

The VTA hired a consultant at the beginning of this year to design and implement Express Lanes on the existing HOV to HOV direct connector from I-880 to SR 237. This facility is scheduled to open in the fall of 2010, about the same time as the I-680 Express Lane.

##### Route 85

A VTA consultant is developing a Project Study Report (PSR) for a project to convert the 48 miles of HOV lanes on SR 85 into Express Lanes, one southbound and one northbound. The current schedule calls for these lanes to be open to traffic in late 2012.

##### Highway 101

The VTA is also working on conceptual designs for the conversion of the existing HOV lanes on US 101 into Express Lanes. The scope, schedule and cost of this conversion are still in very draft form.

#### **Alameda County I-580 Corridor**

##### EB I-580 HOV/HOT

The EB HOV lane from Portola to Greenville is scheduled to open in August 2009. Construction of the EB HOV lane from Portola to Hacienda will commence in July 2009 with an anticipated completion date of fall 2011. The environmental clearance and project development to convert the EB HOV to a HOT lane is underway. The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the system integrator for the EB HOT will be released in June 2009.

##### WB I-580 HOV/HOT

The public circulation of the environmental document for the WB HOV was closed in April. The final environmental document for the HOV lane is scheduled to be approved in September 2009. The CMA has contracted with URS corporation to prepare the traffic and revenue report to convert the WB HOV lane into a HOT lane. The final report will be ready by November 2009.

**Marin County Activities****Marin Highway 101 Study**

The Transportation Authority of Marin has released a Request for Proposals to secure a traffic and revenue forecast and assessment of an Express Lane on US 101. The proposals are due at the end of May.

**Marin County HOT Workshop**

The Transportation Agency of Marin (TAM) hosted an Express Lanes workshop on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Presentations on planned and current projects were made by the ACCMA, Santa Clara VTA, TAM and MTC.

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